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Subject: Public Scoping for Wildlife Stand Improvement (WSI) – FY2020

Dear National Forest Stakeholder:

This project announcement letter serves to initiate scoping, “an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed” (40 CFR 1501.7). Scoping is required for all Forest Service proposed actions, including those that would appear to be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation in an EA or an EIS (36 CFR 220.66(6)).

Proposed Action

The Mena-Oden Ranger District is proposing manual wildlife stand improvement and release using chainsaws on approximately 2,012 acres in Scott and Polk County, Arkansas. (T1N, R31W, Sections 21 through 28, 33 through 36, T1N, R30W, Sections 30, 31, and T1S, R30W Section 6). The following table lists the areas proposed for treatment:

Area	Compartment	Stand	Treatment	Acres ¹
1	822	1	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	15.61
2	822	4	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	68.22
3	822	17	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	40.51
4	823	2	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	145.1
5	823	4	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	235.47
6	824	2	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	677.02
7	831	2	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	67.56
8	831	4	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	62.55
9	831	12	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	38.46
10	831	13	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	53.42
11	831	14	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	44.18
12	831	15	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	48.66
13	831	16	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	70.92
14	831	17	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	105.78
15	831	18	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	57.73
16	831	27	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	252.32
17	831	28	Manual WSI w/chainsaws	28.85
Total				2012.36

¹ Note: Acres were derived from GIS data, and product accuracy may vary. They may be developed from sources of differing accuracy, accurate only at certain scales, based upon modeling or interpretation, incomplete while being created or revised, etc. Using GIS products for purposes other than those, for which they were created, may yield inaccurate or misleading results. We released this information on 04/13/2020. The Forest Service reserves the right to correct, update, modify, or replace GIS products without notification.



An environmental analysis is being conducted for these proposals.

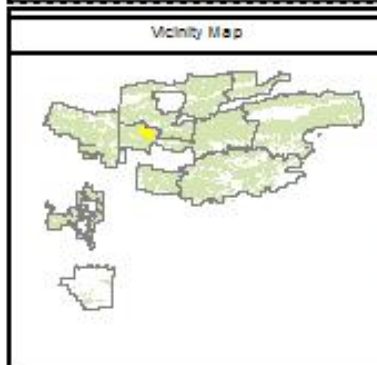
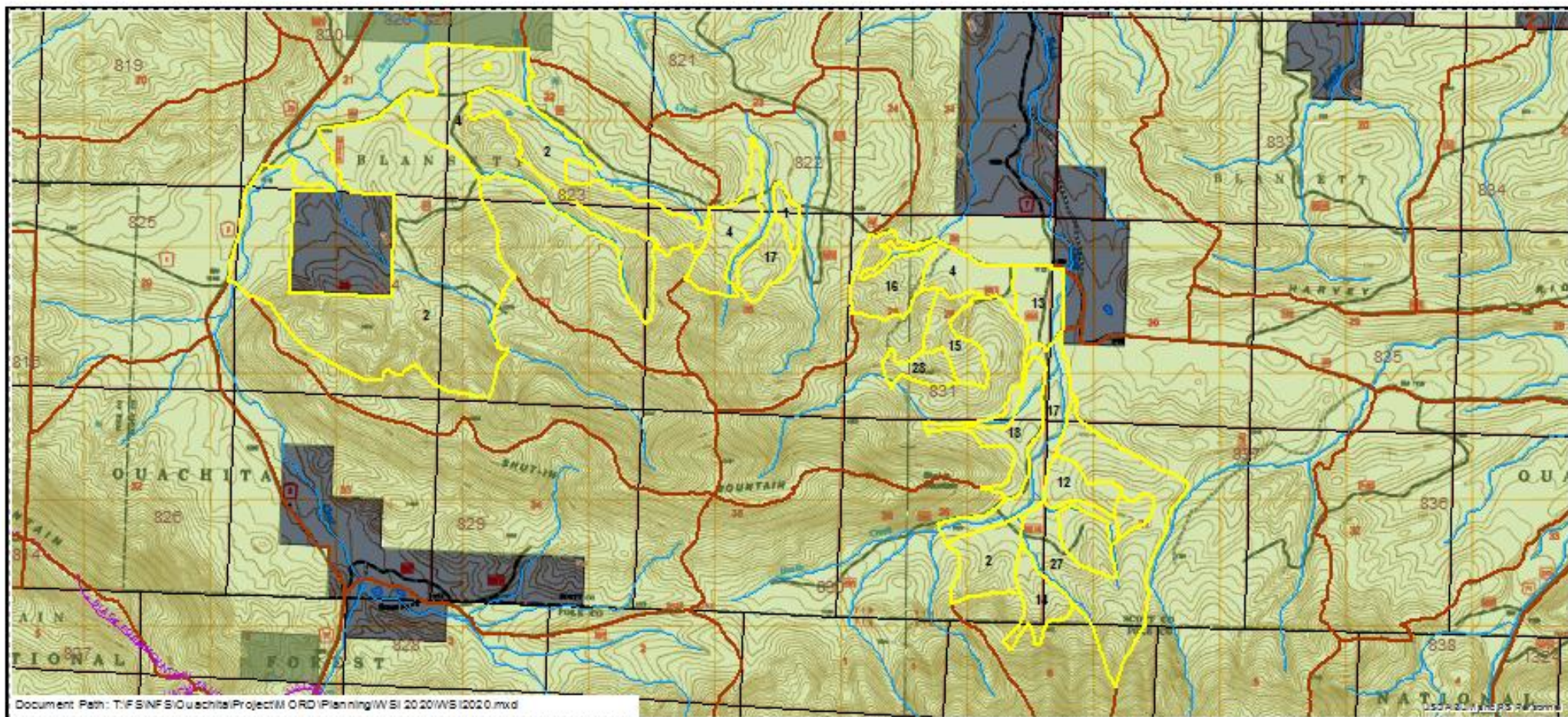
The proposed action description and other information are available for review at the Mena-Oden Ranger Station. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from ***Mitzi Cole at 1603 Highway 71 North, Mena, AR 71953; (479) 394-2382; mgcole@fs.fed.us.***

Thank you for your continuing interest in the management of your National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/Tim Oosterhous

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District Ranger



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Legend

- Proposed Shutin WSI Stands
- Compartment
- National Forest Trail
- National Forest System Lands

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Wildlife Stand Improvement 2020

Shut in up to 2012 acres

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Scott & Polk Counties, Arkansas

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For more information, contact the Mena
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